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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 August 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Amendment A, filed 13 August 2002 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Komaki (US 5,703,437).

Regarding claim 1 Komaki ('437) discloses in figure 2 and in column 2, lines 60 through column 3, line 58, a plasma picture screen with a front plate (no number) comprising a glass plate (11), a back plate (no number), a plurality of gas-filled plasma cells (13) arranged between the front and back plates and separated by partitioning walls (not shown, but disclosed in column 3, line 2), and a plurality of electrodes (14, 15, 21) on the front plate and back plate for generating corona discharges, wherein the front plate includes a glass plate (11) on which a dielectric layer (17), a protective layer (18) and a UV light reflecting layer (19) is between the dielectric layer and the UV light reflecting layer.

Regarding claim 2 Komaki ('437) discloses that the UV light reflecting layer can be made of MgO (column 3, lines 28-30).

Regarding claim 7 Komaki ('437) discloses that the UV light reflecting layer (19) covers the protective layer (18) completely.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Komaki (US 5,703,437), of record in view of Mitamura et al. (US 6,149,967), of record.

Regarding claim 3, Komaki ('437) discloses all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed particle diameter of the MgO layer (UV layer).

Within the field of endeavor, it is desirable for the particle diameter size of the MgO layer to be large per se for the purpose of applying the MgO layer homogeneously.

Further regarding claim 3, Mitamura ('967) teaches in column 2, lines 4-11 that the particles of the MgO layer have a diameter of 30 to 300 nm for the purpose of applying the MgO layer homogeneously.

Hence it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the MgO layer of Mitamura in the plasma display of Komaki for the purpose of applying the MgO layer homogeneously.

Regarding claim 4, Mitamura ('967) teaches in column 9, lines 25-27 that the thickness of the layer is not more than 10 microns.

The reason for combining is the same as claim 3 above.

Regarding claim 5, Komaki ('437) discloses all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed particle diameter of the MgO layer (UV layer).

Within the field of endeavor, it is desirable for the particle diameter size of the MgO layer to be smaller for the purpose of applying the MgO layer by a less expensive heat treatment process, as opposed to a more expensive vacuum process.

Further regarding claim 5, Mitamura ('967) teaches in column 9, line 15 through column 10, line 10 that the MgO layer comprises agglomerates of particles having particle diameters of 5 to 100 nm for the purpose of applying the MgO layer by a less expensive heat treatment process.

Hence it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the MgO layer of Mitamura in the plasma display of Komaki for the purpose of applying the MgO layer by a less expensive heat treatment process.

Regarding claim 6, Mitamura ('967) teaches in column 9, lines 25-27 that the thickness of the layer is not more than 10 microns.

The reason for combining is the same as for claim 5 above.

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Contact Information


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph L. Williams whose telephone number is (703) 305-1670. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30 AM-3:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar D. Patel can be reached on (703) 305-4794. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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